Northwest Bible Church – 11/16/03 Worship Service – Alan Conner

**Rom. 8:1**

“Therefore”

**INTRO**

**A. WHAT IS THE “THEREFORE” THERE FOR?**

It is a **connecting link** with what went before. Specifically it draws a conclusion: NO CONDEMNATION.

1) LOOK BACK: Links to the previous context:

a) “Now” – in contrast with a previous condition. Cf. **Rom. 5:9; 6:22; 7:6.**

b) “no condemnation” –

(1) Condemnation was our previous condition. **Rom. 1:18-3:20**.

(2) No condemnation is our current condition. **Rom. 3:21-5:21**.

c) “those who are in Christ Jesus” -

(1) By grace alone through faith alone. **Rom. 3:21-22,28; 4:5;5:1.**

(2) Dead to sin (ch. 6), dead to the law (ch. 7).

d) Does 8:1 connect to Rom. 7:14-15?

2) LOOK FORWARD: introducing the theme of the chapter

a) Emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit.

b) Assurance of salvation is the theme.

(1) The work of the Spirit of life (8:1-13).

- freedom from condemnation of sin (Rom. 8:1, 3) – Justification

- freedom from domination of sin (Rom. 8:4-13) – Sanctification

(2) The work of the Spirit of adoption (8:14-16).

(3) Sons of God are also heirs of glory (8:17-25).

(4) The work of the Spirit of prayer (8:26-27).

(5) The providence and predestination of God (8:28-30).

(6) The irreversible favor and character of God (8:31-34).

(7) The inseparable love of Christ (8:35-39).

**CONCLUSION**